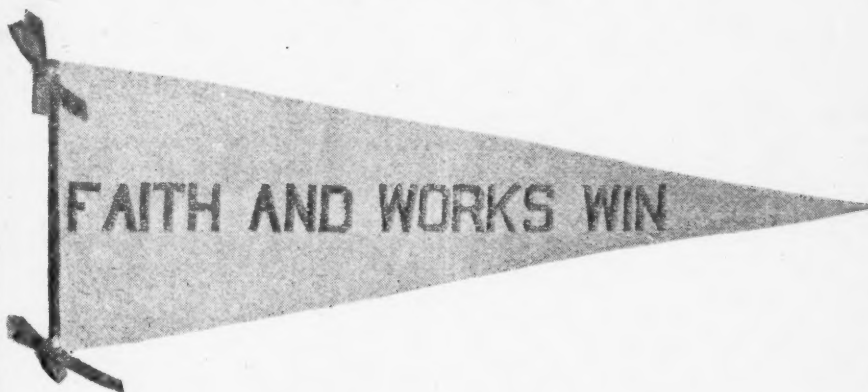


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The Worker's Prayer

Prepare us, Lord, for this great work of Thine
By Thine own process: we know not the way
To fit ourselves; we only grope. The day
Is Thine; its light, a ray from Thee divine,
Illumines the path where Thou wouldst have it
shine;

And in Thy light our own poor struggling ray
Gets new encouragement, until we say,
With longing hearts, "Thy will be done, not mine."
Then we are ready; Thou wilt use our powers
To spread Thy kingdom and build up Thy cause;
And Thou wilt make our consecrated hours
Our sunniest; nor will the world's applause
Affect our service; for we look to Thee
For all we have and all we hope to be.

—*Selected.*

Motto: Faith and Works Win.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Story of the Year, always "to be continued," is most fascinating to us who have a part in its making, whether we be at the front or behind the lines, fighting, working, praying, giving. It matters not whether we are in the midst of big organizations or only a member of the smallest and most remote auxiliary, it is *our* story, of vivid interest, vital importance. We, too, can see more than appears in black and white, but do we not sometimes fail to appreciate that our comrades "over there" are fighting—fighting evils in forms unknown to us, grossest superstitions, daily annoyances, overwork, limitations because of inadequate support, illnesses, serious problems? All of these have been their portion, in greater or less degree, in the past twelve months, and yet how optimistic their reports. It inspires us to be more zealous, prayerful, generous. And Storer is evidently playing the "glad game." It scarcely seems like hardship to read Miss Smith's version of sitting in cold rooms, carrying water for daily use in freezing weather and working hard to make both ends meet! God bless them all, these fellow-workers of ours, at home and abroad!.....We welcome our "youngest missionary," Miss Barnard, who is probably already on her way to India. Surely, we shall all pray for her throughout her long and perilous voyage.....We could hardly wait to make an announcement which makes us very happy. Miss Doris Elizabeth Folsom, Sanford, Maine, has consented to become assistant editor of THE MISSIONARY HELPER. She is a young woman exceptionally well endowed and equipped and with the true missionary spirit, else she would not accept a position whose compensations are mostly of the heavenly variety. We congratulate ourselves, and we congratulate her also, on entering what we have proved to be a blessed service, a joyful comradeship. Many of our readers well know her and her family, but she will be more fully introduced later. To some, it will be of interest to know that she is the grandniece of Mrs. Mary B. Wade.....The Editor has been deeply touched by the expressions of loving appreciation received in these shut-in days. She sends her heart-warm gratitude to all who have so kindly remembered her, and again says "Thank you" to everybody for the help and cheer so freely given throughout the years..... Mrs. Burlingame-Cheney, in her greeting to the "dear women" at Annual Meeting, enclosed a perfect quotation from Dr. Babcock, "How good it is that though new chapters go on with our life's story and people drop out whom we have loved, and incidents change so that it seems quite

like another tale, yet the real plot is spiritual and eternal. The true friendships and affections will all come in again in the next volume. Always to be continued, never to be concluded, are the life and love that are rooted in Jesus Christ.".....Whatever changes come to us in life and work, as individuals or as a society, may we face the future with the serene faith and joyful appreciation of the service of others expressed in Whittier's lines:

"Hail to the coming singers!
Hail to the brave light-bringers!
Forward I reach, and share
All that they sing and dare.

What matters I or they,
Mine or another's day,
So the right word be said,
The world the better made?

I feel the earth move sunward,
I join the great march onward,
And take by faith, while living,
My freehold of thanksgiving."

.....Mrs. F. S. Mosher writes of Mrs. G. C. Waterman, "No one in our society has given so many years of constant activity to our cause and few as many gifts. She counted the largest number of years as a member of the Board.".....We regret to hear that Prof. John T. Ward, D. D., is in failing health. He is with his daughter, Mrs. Phelps, in Yokohama, Japan.....Dr. Shirley Smith Thompson, who, with her children, has been in Hillsdale, Michigan, for sometime, has been joined by her husband, Mr. James Thompson, from India.Mrs. Florence Rich Jordan writes from China, "The HELPER has just come and I sat right down to read. It is next to a letter from home.".....Miss Coombs writes, "The Collett family are leaving for home next month (June). The Balasore church has taken a step ahead in undertaking the support of a home missionary.".....From a Storer College letter we quote the following: "Perhaps you are wondering how one can speak of Storer at length and not mention 'water.' We think the problem has been solved. Water is now pumped from the river into a tank and is available for all purposes. It has been carried to the Lockwood Home and because of this improvement there have been many more summer guests.".....The supply of India handkerchiefs mentioned in last HELPER is exhausted.



MRS. MARY A. W. BACHELDER
Committee of Reference

OUR YOUNGEST MISSIONARY

Dear Friends of THE MISSIONARY HELPER:

At Mrs. Whitcomb's request, I am writing you just a little sketch of some of the things which have led me to become your "youngest missionary."

As some of you know, I was born in Hillsdale, Mich., but at an early age I moved with my people to Marion, Ohio. It was there that I re-



MISS BARNARD

ceived my first impulse toward missionary work through some chance words spoken to me by Rev. Miles Coldren. From that time on I grew more and more convinced that, sooner or later, I should become a missionary to India. I entered high school while in Marion and took the course which I thought would be the best training for that work.

We moved from Marion to this city in 1911. Two years later I

graduated from Classical High School. In the fall of 1915 I entered the Bible Teachers' Training School of New York City, graduating from there this last May.

Just before returning to school last year, while considering the missionary question afresh, I was convinced that I should go out immediately and not wait for two or three years as I had at first intended to do. I hesitated a long time until I was sure and then applied to the A. B. W. F. M. Board, with the result, as you already know, that I was appointed to our own Bengal-Orissa.

It is with great joy that I am looking ahead to service in India, and as the time draws nearer, I am more and more conscious of the great privilege which is to be mine. I am scheduled to sail from San Francisco, October 29th, on the S. S. "Santa Cruz."

I cannot say how much it has meant to me to have people say, "I shall remember you in prayer." And I appeal to you, my Free Baptist friends, that you follow me in yours. Pray that I may acquire the language readily in order to be of more use in the work and, oh, will you not pray that others will soon join me over there to relieve the strain of those already on the field?

Thanking you for your prayers and sympathy, I am
Most cordially yours,

M. ELSIE BARNARD.

66 Dorchester Ave., Providence, R. I., September, 1918.

QUIZ

- What indirect advantage has the present war brought?
 - For what is the United States particularly fitted, and why?
 - How did one Negro encampment show its patriotism?
 - What is necessary to complete "Americanization"?
 - What real contribution does Mrs. Westfall say that our society is making?
 - How does Miss Gowen tell the remarkable story of "Sister"?
 - The need of the negro—what is it?
 - What do young American students crave?
 - Christ was all things to all men—explain.
 - "The Alien in America"—what can solve the problem?
 - What is told of the registration, faculty and spirit of the N. E. Baptist School of Methods?
 - The Baptist Gospel Cruiser?—what? where? why?
 - What groups of people made use of Storer during its vacation days?
 - How will Storer's faculty change this year?
 - How is Storer helping to win the war?
 - What friends were especially instrumental in founding our HELPER"?
 - How has Storer been aptly named?
 - What is our "supreme mission as Christian Americans"?
 - Whom do we call the "Mother of the MISSIONARY HELPER"?
 - What will make all people seem alike to us?
- (Answers may be found in the October HELPER.)

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"Information Means Transformation."

TOPICS FOR 1918-1919

September—	Acquaintance Party
October—	Oriental Housekeepers
November—	Christian Americanization
December—	Oriental Women in Industry
January—	Broadening Horizons
February—	I. Prayer and Praise. II. Christian Literature
March—	Story of the Trail Makers
April—	A Congress of Women
May—	Thank Offering.
June—	Training Camps in the Orient
July—	Field Day.

DECEMBER.—ORIENTAL WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

"The church and the working class would both be set free if the wrongs inflicted on the laborer and the wrongs by which he reacts against wrong, were healed through Christ's law of justice and brotherhood."

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM.

OPENING HYMN.—"Far, Far Away." (*Hymnal*, page 52).

SCRIPTURE LESSON.—Oppression of the Poor. Isa. 58:6-10; Jer. 22:13-17; Deut 24:14; Amos 5:11-14; Luke 10:29-37.

PRAYER FOR INDUSTRIAL JUSTICE IN ALL LANDS.

HELPER QUIZ.

THE LESSON.—Women Workers of the Orient. Chapter II.

SYMPOSIUM BY FIVE TRAVELERS (fifteen minutes).

1. What I Saw in India, pp. 41-42; 46-48.
2. Chinese Burden Bearers, pp. 42-43; 48-51.
3. Coal Heavers in Japan, p. 43.
4. Rug Factories in Turkey, pp. 45-46.
5. Child Toilers in China, pp. 51-54.

PAPER.—Japan's Gravest Menace, pp. 54-67; 70-73 (fifteen minutes).

READING.—Some Christian Manufacturers, Japan, pp. 67-70 (three minutes).

How the Missionaries are Helping, pp. 76-77 (five minutes).

How are *our* missionaries helping?

(Refer to Miss Daniels' report in this number and to allusions throughout the year to lace-making and its sociological significance; to Mr. Krause's Industrial work in Balasore, etc.)

SONG.—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." (*Missionary Hymnal*, page 96.)

PRAYER.—Confession of industrial injustice at home, Thanksgiving for Child Welfare, Consumer's League and other similar agencies. Prayer for awakening nations of the Orient. Prayer that just standards of labor may be maintained in this time of war.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolved—That we hereby express our pleasure of having with us today our missionaries on furlough, Rev. and Mrs. Harold I. Frost and Miss Sadie Gowen, and our former missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hamlen and Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Wyman. We assure them that they have always a warm welcome awaiting them everywhere among our people, and a "God-be-with-you" when they return to their foreign work.

In the necessary absence of our beloved President, Mrs. Lucy Phillips Durgin, because of serious illness in her family,

Resolved—That we tender her our heartfelt sympathy and love, and our sincere prayers, with the hope that our Heavenly Father will speedily restore her dear husband to health and strength.

Resolved—That we reaffirm our appreciation of our Thank Offering Service as an uplifting and inspiring influence as well as an efficient financial measure, and we recommend its more general observance among the churches.

Resolved—That we pledge ourselves anew to the support of our MISSIONARY HELPER, aiding it by our interest and our prayers, and by timely financial help, as the special organ for our Bengal-Orissa Field in India and for our Home Mission work at Storer College, Harper's Ferry. To our Society it has come like a family letter these many years and we need it still to strengthen old ties and form new ones.

Resolved—That we hereby express to Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Committee of Reference between the Woman's Baptist and Free Baptist

Missionary Societies, our appreciation and sincere thanks for her able and efficient work in bringing about the union of our Society with the Woman's American Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Societies, and for her dignified and pleasing representation of our work and our Society at the Baptist Convention at Atlantic City in May.

In view of our new membership in the larger missionary organizations, whose foreign work is almost world-wide, and whose home work is extensive in our own land,

Resolved—That as far as possible we make ourselves acquainted with these new fields of work and with their workers and their methods.

Resolved—That in these dark days of war and strife among the nations, of inconceivable suffering and distress, we express our faith in the overruling power of our Father, believing that in His own good time a new and lasting peace will be established, in which all nations shall form one great brotherhood, united in the love of liberty and of justice, and zealous for each other's welfare,—and to this end we pledge ourselves in prayer and loving service.

WHEREAS, Our Board and Society meetings have been made the pleasanter by the presence of flowers, ferns, and banners, at all our sessions, and by the faithful work of our various committees, and by the generous luncheon served this noon by the Portland Auxiliary,

Resolved—That we extend thanks to all those who by their loving services have added to the success of this Annual Meeting.

HARRIET A. DEERING,
BLANCHE C. BUTTERFIELD,
AMELIA D. CHAPMAN.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ANSWER

A missionary of the Methodist Church now on furlough in America asked our President if he agreed with her that missions should be maintained in spite of the War, and urged on because of the War. President Wilson sent the following reply:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, December 5th, 1917.

I entirely agree with you in regard to the missionary work. I think it would be a real misfortune, a misfortune of lasting consequence, if the missionary program for the world should be interrupted. There are

many calls for money, of course, and I can quite understand that it may become more difficult than ever to obtain money for missionary enterprises, but that the work undertaken should be continued and continued.... at its full force, seems to me of capital necessity, and I for one hope that there may be no slackening or recession of any sort.

I wish that I had time to write you as fully as this great subject demands, but I have put my whole thought into these few sentences and I hope you will feel at liberty to use this expression of opinion in any way that you think best.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

"Faith is not the fad of a sect, but a fountain in the soul."

"A radiance covers his face who lights a lamp for another."

If the opportunity for great deeds should never come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day.—*Farrar*.

To see our calling, to accept it, to honor it, that is the truly godly and noble life! Every man is born to realize some purpose. Find that purpose out, and fulfill it if you would lovingly serve God. Our difficulty is to persuade a man that the lowliest lot, as well as the highest, is the appointment of God; that doorkeeping is a promotion in the Divine gift; and that to light a lamp may be as surely a call of God as to found an empire or to rule a world.—*Joseph Parker*.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

There never has been such a year as this year. It has required women at home of large adaptability and big courage to meet the demands, and women on the field willing to work and to wait for a brighter day.

In the foreign field the year has been one of heightened exchange, and consequently reduced finances, a compelled neglect of open doors, a turning of deaf ears to pleas for new lines of work, a refraining from much needed building. If the regular lines of work have been kept well in hand and steadied to the present hour, much credit is due our workers abroad.

While at the home base the tendency has been a letting down on mission gifts, due to diversion of funds through the many patriotic calls and interests, some churches and communities, yes, some national Boards, have gone gloriously "over the top."

FOREIGN FIELD.

Balasore.—In Dr. Mary's department at the Sinclair Boarding, the increased cost of cloth for saris and sheeting has made an unusually big hole in her allotment. This sense of shortage has been enhanced by the absence of boxes from America with the scores of little dresses that have helped so much in the past. Drugs for the Medical Department are difficult to get and four or five times the usual price. There has been some sickness among the children and two or three deaths among the weaker ones. Yet, on the whole, the health has been excellent. The usual number of marriages has taken older girls from the home. But these gaps are already filled by children always waiting to enter, and needing just such a home as our Sinclair Girls' Boarding gives.

Miss Porter's girls of the upper grades so overflowed their cramped and unsatisfactory school quarters that it seemed imperative, even in war times, to complete at least one of the two wings of the proposed school. The favorable comment of Government Inspectors shows appreciation of the good work this school is doing, even under adverse circumstances. Miss Porter also carries the oversight of the work of the zenana women.

Miss Lavina C. Coombs, Bible Teacher and Home-maker, writes: "Building a Woman's College or a Hospital is a work for which to thank God. But those who do these big things must have someone to look out that their food is cooked properly and on time, to see that the drains are properly cleaned every day, the house accounts kept regularly, and all waste stopped.

"The eternal vigilance necessary for the training of the girls in the Boarding that they may become fit wives and mothers for the coming generation, demands infinite patience and wondrous skill. And the place our girls have taken and are taking gives testimony to the faithfulness of our former and present Superintendents. So I thank God for the privilege of doing little things.

"Since the new year came in I have an added work (formerly Mrs. Collett's)—the teaching of the Teachers' (zenana and School) Bible Class. In this there are thirty women, too many by whom to do one's best work. So I have divided the class and have one section on Tuesdays and one on Thursdays. We study the Gospel of Mark, in which all the teachers of the Mission unite. Just before our Yearly Meeting, a written

examination is given and the results announced at Yearly Meeting, when prizes are given. I enjoy this work very much.

"Another task I have has been a mixture of pleasure and disappointment. This is the prayer-meeting, supposed to be sustained by the women of the church. But until recently it seemed impossible to get them out. The meeting was held in the church on Saturday afternoon, but only five or six came. I decided to try an experiment, and for three Saturdays I held what might be called 'Socials' at three different centers, and to each invited every Christian woman in that community. We had



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singing, prayer and conversation and then refreshments. To these came about one hundred grown-ups and numbers of children. Since that we have had a prayer-meeting on Saturday afternoons in different neighborhoods, with good attendance and increasing interest.

"On Sunday mornings I have a class in Sunday School of young married women (a legacy from Mrs. Frost) and the attendance has kept up very well. So with housekeeping for us three, Dr. Mary, Miss Porter and myself, and what assistance I can give in the Boarding, and these

outside opportunities, I find the time very well filled. I am happy to be here, and hope the dear sisters who allowed me to come back will not regret their action!"

Miss Barnes of *Jellasore* is an all-round mother-in-general of our woman's work at that station. Care of Bible Women, zenana women



MISS BARNES

and school teachers fall to her charge, as well as the dispensing of justice and solving of problems for the community at large. Three of her girls are studying in the new Bible Training School at Midnapore.

Since the passing of Miss Butts, our woman's work at *Santipore* has been administered by other than a W. M. S. worker, but it has gone on apace, and our Indian women there, long and carefully trained by Dr.

Helen Phillips and Miss Butts, are capable and trustworthy.

Midnapore.—Mrs. Ida Marshall Holder, Evangelist, writes: "A year ago I had seven zenana teachers and four Bible Women. The seven teachers are still faithfully making their rounds every day. Many new



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homes are entered during the year. There are about 120 homes visited every two days. In several of these homes I have heard women confess that our God is the only true God and Jesus Christ is their Saviour. Previously these little women in the homes studied the Catechism. This

year they have been required to learn the Bible stories to tell, beginning with the life of Christ. Many of them have learned to tell the stories nicely and tell them to the children of the household and neighborhood.

"One day I was called to a new home where the twelve year old wife wished to learn to read. When I asked their reason for wanting to learn, the old mother explained that while her husband had been away on a visit he had bought a book about a new religion and they wanted the girl to learn to read, so they could know about it. I asked to see the book and found it to be the Gospel of Luke.

"The sorrows of the child wives impress themselves upon me in many of the homes. One day I entered a home where there was feasting and music and a house full of relatives, celebrating the arrival of a young wife at her husband's home. When I asked to see the bride, I found the little girl huddled down in a corner of a dark room, crying with fright and homesickness. She was dressed in silk and adorned with expensive jewelry on her toes, ankles, waist, fingers, wrists, elbows, neck, ears, nose and in her hair, but none of these things could comfort the lonesome little heart.

"In another home a little girl was sitting in her mother's lap and crying as though her heart would break, while begging her mother not to send her away to her husband's house. But the Hindu gods know no mercy and a little girl must not remain in her mother's house after she is twelve years old. The majority are sent to their husband's home at the age of nine or ten years.

"Matangein, one of my faithful Bible Women, died in April. She had an unusual knowledge of the Bible and always firmly maintained that God Himself had taught her to read when she was well along in years. She lived alone in the little "House by the side of the Road", which Chandra Lela used to occupy. Her last prayer, just before her death, was beautiful. Its petition was all for the poor and needy and those who knew not God. She had lived on \$1.65 a month for a number of years, and yet when she died she had \$5.00 saved, which she asked me to give to the poor. We feel her loss in our ranks of workers, but there must have been shining faces on the other shore to meet her, who were there because they had heard the story of Christ from her.

"Most of the cold season was spent in camp, accompanied by Doris, three Bible Women and two preachers. When camped near a Hindu Fair, we sold 350 Gospels in ten days. Also many hundreds of tracts

were distributed. The last day in camp, just before coming in for our Christmas holidays, we had the joy of seeing the village schoolmaster and his wife baptized. The young man had traveled eighty-four miles by foot and bullock-cart to bring his wife. He took her away from her father's house without telling anyone his reason for taking her. When a safe distance from the parental home, he told her he was going to become a Christian. He gave her her choice of going with him or returning to her father's home. She had read one of the Gospels and decided in favor of Christ, thus giving up forever her own folks and her share of her father's estate. As we stood on the bank of the bathing pool, singing in Bengali, 'Oh Happy Day,' surrounded by a crowd of Hindus, it seemed as though the joy of heaven shone in the faces of the two who were taking their stand for Christ. That was five months ago. They write that they have had real answers to prayer and have added a Sunday School to their day school.

"In taking stock of our force of Evangelistic women workers, we found that in comparison with other departments of our work, this department was sadly behind. We were paying out a lot of money to women who were not competent to do the work. We could get nothing better. We presented the matter to our Reference Committee. They were thoroughly in sympathy and granted us the necessary funds to start what is really the Women's Department of our Bible College. When the school opened in March, for men, a class of bright, consecrated young women—equal in number to the men—were here, ready for their opening classes. As yet we have planned only a two years' course for them, but even this will be a great big help toward a better staff of Bible Women. As the classes must be held separate from those of the men, more instructors are necessary. At present, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Daniels and I, assisted by two of the Bible College professors, are doing the teaching. On Saturday forenoon the women conduct Sunday Schools in the bazaars for Hindu girls. From time to time they will go out with experienced Bible Women to talk with the Hindu and Mohammedan women in their homes. They will spend the cold season with us in camp, touring the country villages.

"We have been pleased at the spirit in which they have taken up this work. We have tried to keep before them the idea of a definite call to God's work.

"We need a home where these girls can stay while taking the Bible

Training and we need money to hire two native women instructors to help carry on the work—but most of all we need your prayers that while these girls are gaining a greater knowledge of the Bible, we may be able to help them to a deepening spiritual life and a love and longing for lost souls.”

Miss Ruth Daniels, Girls’ Schools and Industrial Work, writes: “First of all I want to tell a few items of improvement which I have



MISS DANIELS

noticed in my five Hindu Girls’ Schools, one Christian Girls’ School and Girls’ Lace Class during the past year. It would be lots easier to tell the things we want and hope to see done during the coming year, but if they come true they will be in the report next year.

“First, we had more definite examinations at the end of the year in the Hindu Girls’ Schools than we have ever had before and there were

twenty-three definite promotions with written certificates. Out of 150 pupils that is a small number, but Hindu pupils are so irregular and uncertain that we cannot expect large numbers. These definite promotions make a higher standard of work in each grade this year.

"Second, the girls have taken more interest in learning the Bible stories and the Catechism—our question and answer book on religion—than the year before, because we offered prizes, and at their Christmas gathering eleven girls and one boy (we have a few young boys in the schools) received prizes for having completed the Catechism, and one boy and eight girls had finished the book of stories about the life of Christ. I want to speak of this one boy a little later. This year all the children are taking such an interest in these Bible stories that there may be many prizes due next year.

"Third, the sewing in most schools was much better than before and the girls received a number of prizes for the pieces we sent to the exhibit at the Santipore Mela. At their Christmas program all of the children recited and sang very well and then we had magic lantern pictures of the life of Christ. We asked them questions about each picture and there wasn't an event which they could not tell about. Then I asked them, 'When you get out of school and grow up and go away to live where others do not believe in Jesus and perhaps laugh at Him, are you girls going to forget Him?' It was no feeble toned answer that they gave, for a strong, long 'No' came from every mouth.

"In our Christian Girls' School in which the equivalent of eight grades are taught, we had much better Bible classes last year and have arranged a systematic course of Bible for this year. The sewing in this school was very much better than before and the Government Inspectress of Schools was so pleased with it that she took one piece as a sample for another school.

"I have been pleased over the lace work for three reasons:—Whereas, before, we found great difficulty in selling our lace, we now have many opportunities to sell and this makes the industry independent financially. Then I have found a girl who can pick out and make new patterns from almost any piece of lace. She will be quite invaluable to us. Third, the girls have shown a new religious spirit. Since most of these girls are those who have nothing else to do and not educated enough so they can do more intellectual tasks, they are of rather a mixed variety and many times their quarrelsomeness and habits of gossip have entirely discouraged

me, but now we have a Bible study class in which they take real interest and they spend some of their otherwise gossiping-time in memorizing the lesson. Twice a week they have fifteen-minute prayer-meetings and they seem eager for them. By divisions we go out to Hindu villages occasionally and tell Bible stories.

"On the other hand, there are a lot of faults I have to find in all my schools. There isn't enough spirituality among the girls in our Christian Girls' School, nor enough interest in their studies. We need more of the Holy Spirit and consecration in all of our teachers. Some of them need training in teaching.

"One teacher, Pupalota Murmu, has such a nice way with the children and has taught them most carefully about the sin of idol worship and the reality of Jesus. One day one of the school girls said to her, 'Today we had special idol-worship, but I didn't do it.' 'Why not?' 'But, teacher, the idol cannot see nor talk nor hear, and there is nothing to it. I know it is all false.'

"Another day the teacher in explaining about Jesus said, 'Did any of your gods ever die for your sins like Jesus?' 'We don't know,' was their reply. 'Then you go home and ask your mothers and fathers tonight whether any god or anyone of the ten incarnations died for our sins.'

"Next day back they came. Nearly everyone had remembered to ask. 'No, no, teacher,' they said, 'no one ever died for our sins in our religion.' 'Then none was like Jesus and none can save you but He.' In this way the teacher really impressed the fact upon their minds.

"In one of the schools is a Mohammedan boy, named Babu Kha. He learned the Catechism and Bible stories so well that he won prizes in both, as I have mentioned above. Then he wanted to study a New Testament and borrowed the teacher's until he could get the money to buy one. After a few days he asked his mother for the money, but there he was disappointed. When she found he was interested in the Bible and wanted to read it,—'the Christian Bible'—then she was very angry and when a day or two afterwards she found he had attended our Sunday morning church service, she was more angry than ever. The boy wasn't daunted at this, and said to the teacher, 'But I'll buy a Bible some way.' I trust you will pray for him.

"Not long ago I went to one school and as I came away the girls offered to take me to see one of the pupils who had been married the day before. Since it is proper to go to a Hindu home uninvited, I was glad

to go, and the girl's father gave me a chair in the room where the bride and her mother and friends were. She came, dressed in a bright red silk sari and gorgeous jewelry, to make me a deep bow. She was one of our most advanced pupils, but she was not more than ten years old. That is about the age when most of the girls leave school to be married. In a few minutes the groom came out to make his bow—a well-educated young man of twenty, dressed in a white silk garment. Now the girl-wife will be shut up more or less closely at home for life.

"In addition to school work, I have spent six happy weeks in mofussil work during the cold season, and since the new Training School for women opened I have taught one class a day in that.

"In closing I want to tell an aim that we took for our work among the Hindu girls to make it more definite, since we cannot expect conversions among such young girls. Each teacher is to try to let no pupil go from her school until he knows that the teacher loves him, until he loves Jesus in his own heart and until he has a real desire to tell others of Jesus. This is only a statement of an aim, but it must help us. Pray especially that we may have a deeper spirit of prayer and definite spiritual blessings among our teachers."

We would not forget our friends on furlough. Both Miss Gowen and Miss Coe have done valuable deputation work among Baptists and Free Baptists. And while Miss Coe has been occupied in Home Mission work at Storer, Miss Gowen has been gaining strength to go back to India. Our love and sympathy go to our senior saint, Mrs. Burkholder, and we glory in the buoyancy of her faith that triumphs over such trial!

It is gratifying that the first recruit to be sent to our field under the Union of the two Boards is a Free Baptist girl, Miss Elsie Barnard, daughter of a well-known Free Baptist minister in Rhode Island and Michigan. She sails this fall.

HOME FIELD.—The story of the year at Storer College, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, is given so fully and splendidly by Miss Smith that it needs no preliminary words of mine. Miss Ella V. Smith is our long tested Superintendent of Myrtle Hall and teacher of preparatory and freshman classes. She reports: "On May thirtieth we closed one of our most successful and eventful years. The closing day itself was unique. A few days before, the President of the U. S. had issued his proclamation that May thirtieth be held as a day of fasting and prayer for the success of our arms and a speedy peace. We felt that it would

not be in keeping with our loyalty nor the spirit of patriotism that we are trying to instill in the hearts of our young people to disregard the proclamation, so we decided to give up the entire forenoon to praise and thanksgiving to God for His wonderful preservation of this, our country, and to prayer for His blessing on our arms in Europe. The Chapel was crowded with visitors who, we are sure, went out with a deeper love for Country.

"In the afternoon the graduation exercises were held and fifteen young people, having finished the prescribed courses, were awarded their diplomas, besides one diploma being laid aside for one of the boys who early in the year had to say 'Good-by' to his class and find his place somewhere in France. The day closed with the beautiful cantata, 'The Return of Naomi.'

"All summer we had been listening to such questions as, 'Will Storer be open this year?' 'Do you think there will be many students?' 'Will there be any boys there?' and the like, until we ourselves had almost begun to doubt whether we should have any school, and so we were not a little pleased when, on opening day, we found the number present to be fully as large as it had been in the years when there was no war.

"We sorely missed two of our teachers, Mrs. McDonald, who, because of poor health was taking a year's rest, and Miss Green who had accepted a position in the high school of Kimball, West Virginia. Their places were filled, however, by two other very efficient workers. In Miss Coe we found a long felt need, for she took right hold of the religious work amongst the girls and her enthusiasm was a very real inspiration to the Y. W. C. A., which had had its birth after the religious revival of the winter before. During the year, Miss Lealtad, the Secretary for the colored college girls' Y. W. C. A., visited us and from that time we felt that the society was an established feature in Storer College. Mr. Daniels devoted his out of class hours to the athletic field, training the boys for such combats as will help fit them to fill their places 'over there' when they are called to go.

"It was not many days before all my rooms were filled with bright, happy school girls and our work was well under way.

"The work of housekeeping, however, was not so easy. We have always fed well, and it has been our pride to have students say that they got better food and more of it here than in other schools that they had attended. But now that we had to face the problem of keeping down

expenses, so as to feed the students at a minimum cost and yet preserve our reputation for giving good food, we found ourselves in a quandary. Consequently, the housekeeper went into a system of Hooverizing which kept her in the kitchen during many of her out of school hours. She only hopes that the Treasurer's accounts may show a balance which will justify her efforts.

"We, of course, suffered some during the severely cold weather, for the janitor felt that he must be saving with coal, hence the furnace fire was often very low and the rooms extremely cold; still there was not a single day that we were entirely without fire, and for that we feel very grateful, for many schools were closed during the cold season. Our Treasurer's forethought had also seen to it that we were well provided with flour and sugar, so that by being careful with these articles, we were able to tide over the shortage without any serious inconvenience. The freezing of the water pipes and the consequent cutting off of the water supply was our greatest hardship, for during the very coldest weather we, in Myrtle Hall, had to carry water from the cottage cisterns, but such work goes light with young and willing spirits.

"At the end of the first semester several girls were called home, for one cause or another, and early in the spring others were called to take positions that could not wait and that they could not afford to lose, so that by the close of the school year there were in Myrtle Hall only forty of the fifty-seven girls who had found a home there during the year.

"Storer College has not been behind in doing patriotic work. You heard how we bought liberty bonds and established a scholarship early in the year. You will learn through Miss Sims of the sewing and knitting that was done, and we raised over eighty dollars for the last Red Cross drive. The Freshman class raised over ten dollars of this, and as it was done by actual sacrifice, I felt very proud of them. Most of them are very young, and candy and ice-cream to them an actual necessity.

"We have given a number of our boys to our country's call. Five or six are now in France, others are expecting to go within a few days, and still others are waiting their call to the various camps. All have gone in the spirit of the truest loyalty and patriotism, and we are certainly expecting to hear of some of them distinguishing themselves on the field of active service. Such times as these try men's souls and purge them of all that is low or base and so we are expecting every Storer man to rise to the best that is in him and to find his place and fill it.

"It is through these times, too, and in these times, that you of the North who have so freely given of your means to support Storer and her sister schools, will find that your money was not spent in vain, but that by your dollars you have made *men*, men with brains to think and will, men with hearts to dare and hands to do, men who will prove themselves strong, faithful and loyal, even to the death. Was it worth while to put your money into such an investment? Let your own hearts answer, and in the meantime we, the beneficiaries, will pray that God will bless you and your dollars and give you returns far beyond your greatest expectations."

Miss Sarah Benedict, teacher of English branches, writes that the war clouds have hung over them. Two boys have been called from her department, another left because his brother was called. Others are to go soon. Her classes have not been so large, but the attendance has kept up well. There have been rather an unusual number of good grades. She has had more literary work and some new work in connection with the declamatory contests.

"Miss Elizabeth Sims of the sewing department adds her word: "The past school year is one to be remembered for some time to come; it was such a full year. And yet my work with the girls has moved along smoothly and happily. The senior class did not wear the last dresses made, but put them on exhibit. The junior class did the same. The other classes made a very pretty display of negligée with hand embroidery and crochet. When the school opened there was a great cry from the girls, 'I want to learn to knit.' So I took the task in hand and we knit 100 wash cloths, learning how. I taught seventy or more girls how to knit. The result was two sweaters and one pair of hospital socks. Besides, we made seven nurse's caps, forty handkerchiefs, six pairs of pajamas and two hospital shirts for the Red Cross. You see we were not too busy to think of the boys at the front. We are with our country right wholeheartedly."

Miss Amy B. Coe has taught grammar, U. S. history, general history, physiology, methods and sociology. She has worked with the Y. W. C. A. and Christian Endeavor Society and taught a class in Sunday School. Miss Smith gives a glimpse of her worth to the school which no words of hers could be persuaded to convey.

Mission work, as I have so recently seen it on the Western Coast, has a strong and splendid emphasis in our churches. A speaker whom I heard, said, "Missions are the churches' *whole* task, a task the perform-

ance of which draws God and man into the closest relations."

A good watch-word for the coming year would be the familiar slogan emphasized so wonderfully and touchingly by one of our Baptist women at a meeting similar to ours here at Ocean Park, namely, "*Carry on, carry on!*"

LENA SWEET FENNER.

Providence, R. I.

REPORT OF THANK OFFERING COMMITTEE

Your Thank Offering Committee has done its usual work for the May meeting, beginning its correspondence in January, sending out the call in March, arranging a Program and other material for the April HELPER, and getting invitations and envelopes printed. Mrs. Chapman and Miss Porter have been, as always, faithful helpers on either hand.

While the routine has been as usual, there have been pleasant surprises in results. In the first place our workers have discovered that the changes occasioned by Union need not conflict with the observance of the Thank Offering. It is a blessing not only to be retained but shared.

The problem, perplexing at first, of how to hold such a service in a union church, was happily solved in several cases, by different, but equally successful, methods. The United Baptist Auxiliary of Lewiston enclosed, with its invitations, two envelopes, one for Baptist and one for Free Baptist work. The general collection was divided. Of course these distinctions will not long need to be recognized.

It is a matter of great gratification that in this time of many and imperative demands, as well as of difficult situations, several of our auxiliaries went "over the top" with the largest offering in their history, and that the entire amount sent to our Treasurer for the year ending June 30, 1918, was only \$1.75 less than last year. Some of the largest offerings were received after that date which would considerably increase the amount reported by the Treasurer—\$1,217.63.

We have received inquiries from Baptist workers about our Thank Offering. One who adopted the program in the HELPER and sent to us for help in preparing for her first Thank Offering service, wrote, "I am sure that this custom so dear to you will prove a blessing to us and to the cause."

We are happy to be able to report the adoption of the Thank Offering

by the United Baptist Woman's Mission Societies of New Hampshire.

We cannot longer ask our auxiliaries to send their offerings to the F. B. W. M. S. Treasurer. In fact, we urge that all monies intended to be applied to the church apportionment be sent through the new and accepted channels, but the treasurers of the larger organizations cannot, of course, have anything to do with our life memberships. Such memberships, however, are so important, we suggest that when individuals, or groups of givers, make offerings *not intended for credit on the apportionment*, they be sent through our Treasurer, and be applied to life membership and we urgently recommend that anyone who wishes to make a *special* gift of \$20. or more, should send it to Miss Porter with the name of someone who would be a desirable life member.

We recommend that our auxiliaries consider the Thank Offering as a permanent observance and that it be carried out as usual in the coming year.

Experience has shown us the need of a form of invitation which can be used by any body of workers. We, therefore, recommend that such be printed, that a new Thank Offering leaflet be issued, and the usual appropriation be made for this work.

We grieve that one member of our committee, Miss Waterman, who has used her talent so graciously and effectively in Thank Offering service, is too ill to be present. As she is with us in spirit, so are we with her in loving sympathy. She agrees with the other members of the committee that our Thank Offering is too vital to us as individuals, too friendly to the work at Storer and in Bengal Orissa, as well as too helpful to the larger organization of which we are a part, to contemplate any change in its observance.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB,
IDA L. STILLMAN.

BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

It almost seems as if this is a *post mortem* report as the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence officially went out of existence last year. However, some work has been done by the superintendent. The literature remaining in the Bureau was advertised in the HELPER and a number of packages of miscellaneous leaflets were called for and sent out.

Several hundred copies of the Historical Sketch of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, the sketches of Dr. Bacheler and Miss

Barnes, were sent to the headquarters of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society at Boston. Large packages containing one copy of every leaflet and book in the Bureau, including the calendar, were sent to Texas and to Storer College. Later some orders for books and leaflets were received from workers in Texas. Copies of the calendar were sent to the New Hampton Literary Institution in New Hampshire, the Maine Central Institute in Maine, one was placed in Rand Hall, which is the girls' dormitory at Bates College, and one in the reading room at the W. C. A. in Lewiston.

Letters of appreciation were received from Texas and from the principals of Storer, New Hampton Literary Institution and Maine Central Institute.

In the spring the Thank Offering work was done as usual, ordering new exercises and leaflets and sending out from the Bureau about 2000 invitations and envelopes. Samples of the Thank Offering literature were sent to a Baptist state worker in New Hampshire, who ordered enough copies to send one to the secretary of each Quarterly Meeting W. M. S.

AMELIA D. CHAPMAN.

Lewiston, Maine.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN FIELD SECRETARY

(Mrs. Stout, with her accustomed zeal and energy, began work in Texas January 25. In spite of adverse circumstances, unfavorable weather and prevailing sickness, she visited Bryan, Welborn, Union Hill, Kurten, Edge, Tatum, Friendship church, Dirgan Crystal Farms, Stewart and Campbell, getting pledges toward the salary of Mrs. Ida M. Holder. "The Lone Star Missionary." February 26 she met with a serious accident, which cut short her work to her great grief. Her comrades of the F. B. W. M. S. are filled with gratitude that she was spared to them for future inspiration and usefulness.—*Editor.*)

Mrs. Stout writes: "My aim was to raise the whole Texas part of the Holder salary in pledges, holding before them the thought of very soon becoming responsible for the whole salary. That thought was taking hold, and I am sure with pledges amounting to \$83.00 in seven churches, the Texas half could easily have been raised among the others. The matter of pushing the pledges further is to be left with the Pastors or the Church Treasurers, I believe.

The dear Texas folks are the same kindly people, the need is just as great, and the possibilities even greater than when I reported to you last

year. Please, please don't let my failure discourage you. Don't give Texas up. I must write my appreciation of the thoughtfulness and interest of Brothers Tatum and Jameson, who gave much of time and free use of autos to the work. They are men who have the good of the people at heart and the advance of the Kingdom as their goal.

Again let me plead that you do not let my inefficient work of this year discourage you in future work for Texas. There is great work to be done there by our society. It *must* be done. Let us ask the Father that we may be shown the way He would have us do it.

Very sincerely yours,

INAH GATES STOUT.

Champlin, Minn."

REPORT OF EDITOR OF THE MISSIONARY HELPER

The Editor's activities have been so varied in the past year that they have reminded her of the old-fashioned variety store—molasses and nails, straw hats, codfish and spices! The strictly editorial work has been especially pleasant. Perhaps the slight uncertainty as to the future of our magazine has made its friends eager to express their loyalty in practical fashion. Our missionaries have sent more and better photographs, the new workers in India have promptly taken their places in our HELPER family as readers and contributors, one of them subscribing for several copies to send to his Baptist friends. Nearly everyone to whom the editor has applied for help of any kind has cheerfully responded. Several Baptist leaders have introduced their special departments of work. The Illustration Fund has been ample for the needs of the year. Dr. Bacheler sent a box of things from India to be sold for the benefit of that fund. Some of them, including the pressed mosses, were found among Miss Butts' treasures which she had prepared to bring home.

At the request of The Missionary Research Library, New York City, Miss Mosher and the Editor assisted in completing its file of THE MISSIONARY HELPER. It is now asking for the earliest printed reports of the F. B. W. M. S.—1874, 5 and 6. The Yale Library is working to complete its file. The Editor, authorized by the Society, has collected and sent to the binder the necessary volumes to complete the set for the New England Baptist Library. She has also had printed five leaflets, uniform with leaflets issued by the W. A. B. M. Societies, to be ordered

from their headquarters. They are: "Balasore Zenana Work," "Balasore Schools," "Chundra Lela" and "Storer College." Others are in preparation.

But it is not all molasses. There are nails! Prices are higher. The quality of paper, cuts and printing is decidedly poorer. These are war times. Postage rates have increased. There have been changes at the office of Publication, to which it takes time and patience to get adjusted.

We have tried, earnestly and continuously, to make the HELPER an accurate source of information about new conditions as well as about old time work. We have not made a statement in the pages of the magazine without having it verified by someone in authority, but we came into this union at a time when the Baptist organizations were themselves making changes. A statement which was correct one month might be misleading the next. Please be as patient as possible until all the adjustments, without and within, are made. Meantime we will do our best to pass on up-to-date information.

It is not all molasses or nails. There is spice! Under the new postal zone law the magazine could not be sent out from the Saco office until the Editor had certified that there are no private stockholders getting rich through the publishing of THE MISSIONARY HELPER! This seemed to us quite as amusing as the letter we received from a man out West who wished to advertise in the HELPER for a wife, because he wanted that kind!

These things, treated lightly, have been a part of the work of the year. They are easily recorded, but the hours spent in the preparation of each number, the prayers for guidance and strength for the task, the many letters written, information gained after wide correspondence, search made for just the right message for Our Quiet Hour, programs prepared, business details attended to—all these are more important, but cannot be adequately reported. That results should warrant such work is the Editor's greatest desire.

Our President wrote in June, "I believe that the cost of maintaining the HELPER is money wisely invested and brings larger returns than it would placed anywhere else." A Baptist state officer wrote, "Your little paper is fine and quotations from it will be an inspiration at our meeting." A New York subscriber writes, "I earnestly hope you will continue publishing the magazine. It keeps us in touch with our Free Baptist work better than other magazines I have seen and shows us, too, of the broader work in our united fields." A Massachusetts clergyman said, "I look

everywhere for news of Bengal-Orissa and Storer without finding it, then I turn to the HELPER and get what I want." Enough letters, post cards and verbal expressions in regard to love for and need of the HELPER have been received to fill a book. A missionary on furlough said recently, "If you want anyone to speak for the HELPER, ask *me*—or any other missionary, for that matter." He spoke most emphatically.

Many of our Baptist fields have their special periodical—South India, Burma, the Philippines, etc., as well as the various departments of Sunday School work. In this company of smaller magazines, our MISSIONARY HELPER tries to represent Bengal-Orissa and Storer College. It will continue to do this in the coming year, while it will also present phases of the wider work, both Home and Foreign.

Out through our little magazine extends a far-reaching friendliness—the friendliness of the Master in whom we are all one.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

Ocean Park, Maine.

GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT'S REPORT

The Agent reported that her work the past year had been cheered by the many expressions of affectionate interest in the HELPER by its devoted patrons. But the magazine has felt the depression of the times in common with most other publications. The higher cost of paper and of labor and of postage has added its weight to the pressure that the many calls incident to the war have made on the good will of the most of its subscribers.

With all bills paid, the balance on hand at the close of the year is \$43.90. There has been a slight increase in the gifts to the Sustaining Fund. The Agent firmly believes that the hope of the HELPER the coming year centers largely in increasing the amount of gifts to the Sustaining Fund and in a lively revival of interest and activity on the part of all the local subscription agents.

A. M. MOSHER.

Boston, Mass.

CONTRIBUTORS TO HELPER SUSTAINING FUND

JULY, 1917, TO JUNE, 1918.

Mrs. S. C. G. Avery	\$ 2 00
Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder	3.00
Mrs. Lora L. Battles (Haverhill Auxiliary)	6.00
Boston (Ladies Aid)	3.00

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Mrs. G. F. Dodge	1.00
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Hattie R. Erskine	1.50
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Nellie Jordan	3.00
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Lawrence Auxiliary, per Miss Porter	5.00
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E. R. Porter	3.00
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Mrs. G. F. Mosher	3.00
Portland Auxiliary, per Miss Porter	3.00
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Somersworth Auxiliary	2.00
Mrs. O. W. Shapleigh50
Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb	3.00
Maria Woolsey50
A. W. Shackford50
Annie E. Strong	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, per Miss Porter	5.00
Total	\$127.58

A. M. MOSHER.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Edyth R. Porter, Treasurer, in account with the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for the year closing June 30, 1918.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1917	\$1,622.10
Cash for Letter Contributions including bequests from estates, Mrs. Hattie K. Jordan	\$ 447.47

Oramandal Smith	500.00
Mrs. Frances A. Emerson	100.00
Balance of gifts	4,605.01
	<hr/> \$5,652.48
Bengal-Orissa Specials	146.50
Administrative Expense	330.30
Miscellaneous	291.89
Postage	3.86
HELPER Subscriptions	1 00
Bank Interest	8 29
	<hr/> \$6,434.32
Total Receipts	\$8,056.42
Total to account for	\$8,056.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Cash to Storer College for,

Special Appropriation	\$500.00
Domestic Science Building	25.00
Salaries as per appropriation,	
Prof. H. I. McDonald	400.00
Mrs. H. T. McDonald	200.00
W. A. Saunders	375.00
Industrial Department	425.00
	178.41
	<hr/> 2,103.41

Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for
regular work Bengal Orissa, including salaries,

Dr. Bachelor	\$ 11.70
Miss E. E. Barnes	144.27
Miss L. V. Coombs	55.01
Mrs. I. M. Holder	489.81
Miss A. Porter	75.00
Support Doris Holder	30.00
Balasore Work	68.61
Bible Women, Balasore	4.00
Cradle Roll, Balasore	35.50
Kindergarten Work, Balasore	2.56
Schools at Balasore	62.44
Sinclair Orphanage, Balasore	823.92
Higher Education Girls, Balasore	15.00
Widows' Home, Balasore	105.64
Zenana Teachers, Balasore	163.25
Bible Women, Midnapore	25.00
Schools, Midnapore	50.00
Zenana Teacher, Midnapore	8.80

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Work of Bengal-Orissa	657.43	
Special Gifts, Bengal-Orissa	90.00	
Special Appropriation, Bengal-Orissa	500.00	
		3,417.94
Special Appropriation, Bengal-Orissa, sent direct	56.50	
Barbadoes	15.25	
Expense Annual Meeting	104.45	
Salary Mrs. Chapman	75.00	
Salary Assistant Treasurer	6.25	
Salary Treasurer	200.00	
Printing	96.24	
HELPER Appropriation	\$500.00	
Expense	55.00	
Sustaining Fund	79.08	
Cut Fund	7.50	
Porter Memorial Income	25.00	
Advertising	60.00	
Printing Annual Reports	118.58	
		845.16
Miscellaneous	69.80	
Postage	71.54	
Field Work, Expense	98.40	
Oramandal Smith Legacy invested in Certificate of Deposit	500.00	
Expense of Travel	55.91	
Maine Incidental Fund	2.00	
HELPER Subscriptions	1.00	
Total Disbursements		\$7,718.85
On hand June 30, 1918		337.57
Accounted for		\$8,056.42

EDYTH R. PORTER, *Treasurer*,
Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and fully vouched.

HARRIET A. DEERING, *Auditor*.

Edyth R. Porter, Treasurer, in account with Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for its Permanent Fund, from July, 1917, to June 30, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1, 1917	\$ 213.62
from estate Mrs. Elizabeth O. Hines	\$ 806.56
Edwin and Susan J. R. Babb	656.60
Mrs. M. S. Waterman for benefit of Storer	500.00

Phillips Family, gift	1,200.00
income Brewster Scholarship	48.78
Cristy Fund	1,652.20
General Funds	617.54
Special Funds	752.03
Interest	9.79
	<hr/> \$6,243.50
Cash for reinvestment	4,700.00
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Total to be accounted for	\$11,157.12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash from Cristy Fund for salary in English at Storer College	1,600.00
Interest to Working Funds	752.03
for Brewster Scholarship at Storer	40.00
Investment Hines Bequest	805.59
Investment Edwin and Susan J. R. Babb Bequest	656.00
Investment Phillips Family Gift	1,200.00
Temporary Investment M. S. Waterman Bequest in Cer-	
tificate of Deposit	500.00
Investment of General Funds	24.16
Salary Treasurer	100.00
Care Funds	153.52
Interest	82.08
	<hr/> \$5,913.38
Cash reinvested	4,700.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1918	543.74
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Accounted for	\$11,157.12

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STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

Edwin and Susan J. R. Babb	\$ 1,656.45
Batchelder	1,426.18
Brewster Scholarship	1,000.00
Clynick	500.00
Cristy	31,404.78
Curtis	1,000.00
Dearborn	425.00
Dearborn, Mary A.	400.00
Dyer Memorial, Betsey French	600.00

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Geer	930.00
Golden Memorial:	
Cole Fund	\$500.00
Sundry	441.47
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	941.47
General	500.97
Grover	391.00
Hanson	500.00
Hanson, A. L. and E. A.	800.00
Hines, Elizabeth O.	3,805.59
Kindergarten	51.00
Littlefield	585.00
Mother Hills	500.00
Moulton	500.00
Paige Memorial, Melissa Cheney	500.00
Parker	950.00
Phillips	1,200.00
Prescott	1,000.00
Porter Memorial, Susan Prescott	1,164.25
Sinking	1,703.00
Sundry	600.00
Starbird	1,000.00
Widows' Home	100.00
Wingate, Mary B.	500.00
Working Capital	972.00
Working Funds	1,092.07
Young, M. S.	450.00
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	\$59,148.76

EDYTH R. PORTER, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY HELPER CUT FUND

FOR THE YEAR CLOSING JULY 31, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1917	\$ 8.48
By Individual Contributions:	
Mrs. S. L. Brown	\$2.00
Miss Kate Anthony	3.00
Mrs. W. Getchell	1.00
Mrs. W. E. C. Rich	3.00
Miss Nellie Jordan, S. F., \$3.00, C. F., 3.00	6.00
Miss L. S. Fenner	1.50
Mrs. Julia Burkholder	5.00
Mrs. O. W. Fullam	2.00

Miss Helen Hutchinson, S. F., 3.00, C. F., 3.00	6.00
Mrs. L. P. Durgin	3.00
Miss E. R. Porter	4.50
Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder	2.00
Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb	1.50
Miss Amy Coe	2.00
Mrs. A. M. Metcalf	3.00
Miss L. A. DeMeritte	1.50
Miss Winnifred Chapman	1.00
Mrs. H. A. Cleveland25
Miss Jessie Waterman, S. F., 2.00, C. F., 1.00	3.00
Mrs. E. L. Coldren	1.50
Mrs. F. S. Mosher	1.50
—	\$54.25

By Auxiliaries:

Lowell, Mass., Paige Street, Auxiliary	3.00
United Baptist Auxiliary, Lewiston	3.00
Scarboro Auxiliary	1.50
Auburn, Maine, Auxiliary, for S. F., 1.50, for C. F., 1.50	3.00
Dover, N. H., Auxiliary	2.00
Saco Auxiliary	1.50
Pittsfield, Maine, New Era Auxiliary	3.00
—	17.00

By sale of Picture Post Cards	2.84
Mounted India Mosses	1.30

Total Receipts \$83.87

EXPENDITURES.

To Shaylor Engraving Co. for 30 Halftones and postage	\$49.42
Forwarded to Miss Porter for Sustaining Fund	9.50
Postage on Cards, etc.62

Total Expenditures \$59.54

Cash on hand 24.33

Total to be accounted for \$83.87

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB, *Editor.*

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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Auditor.*

Great ideas must first become incarnate in men and women who live among their fellows, before they can be readily adopted by others.

— *Bishop Thoburn.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS, 1918-1919.

All receipts for the Foreign Mission Work from contributions and from the Foreign Mission income of the Invested Funds, also all receipts for the Home Mission work from contributions and the Home Mission income of the Invested Funds, including the income of the Christy Fund.

Field Work	\$150.00
MISSIONARY HELPER	500.00
Advertising in HELPER	60.00
Treasurer's Salary	300.00
Thank Offering	50.00
Annual Report in HELPER	
General Expenses	300.00

We recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to carefully specify that all money, including Thank Offering, intended for church apportionment be sent to the district Treasurer, Home and Foreign W. A. B. M. S., but gifts not intended for church apportionment may still be sent to the Treasurer, Miss Edyth R. Porter, and such gifts, when so specified, can be applied on Life Membership.

We recommend that no disposition be made of the Publication Committee Funds at present other than for leaflets.

We recommend that the bequest of Mrs. Waterman be sent to Storer College with instructions that the income be used for the benefit of Storer College until such time as the Domestic Science Building is erected. Then the \$500.00 shall be used for that building and a room named for Mrs. Waterman.

We recommend that the balance of the appropriation of \$150.00 for Field Work be paid to Mrs. Inah Gates Stout.

We recommend that the action of the Executive Committee regarding the Oramandal Smith legacy be amended by substituting for "be used for Storer College," "be used for THE MISSIONARY HELPER as needed."

MARY A. W. BACHELDER,

LAURA A. DEMERITTE,

EDYTH R. PORTER.

MRS. G. C. WATERMAN (NEE MARIETTA STEWART)

An Appreciation

(Voted, by the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, that an appreciation of the life and faithful work of our comrade, Mrs. G. C. Waterman, be written by Mrs. Mosher for publication in the HELPER.)

How may we write, though the appreciation be in our hearts, of a life so full of helpful thoughts, words and deeds, and yet so quiet, humble and unostentatious? How give the just credit in a manner co-incident with her rule of conduct that her right hand should be ignorant of the good her left was distributing?

Marietta Stewart was born in a log house on Hampden Hill, Delaware County, N. Y., March 28, 1835. Her childhood was passed on the farm, but while quite young she commenced teaching, and for several years was employed in the ungraded schools of different towns. Having earned some money, she entered Whitestown Seminary, from which she was graduated in 1862, and with the next school year began teaching in that institution, where she remained till December 4, 1872, when she was married to Rev. G. C. Waterman, Principal of the Lowville Academy, N. Y. She taught with him two years, when he accepted a call to the Washington Street church, Dover, N. H. Her success as a teacher is evinced by the esteem in which she was held by her pupils in after life. We recall the flattering tributes paid her by a former pastor of King's Chapel, Boston, by another city pastor, by an officer in the army, by a former president of Olivet College, Mich., and by a score of business men and women.

She came into the active work of a pastor's wife in the high tide of her life and ability. Her artistic genius was rare and original. It was about this time she painted Barnum's lion, which she sent as a gift to New Hampton, and which now hangs in the Meservey Bank. One of her White Mountain views was a gift to Storer College. For many of her pictures she received compensation; others she kindly gave to her friends. I lift my eyes to pictures on my walls and recognize with gratefulness her talent and generosity.

But art never drew her from duty. Sunday School and church work came first. For a dozen years she was a frequent contributor to the *Myrtle* and *Little Star*. When our Woman's Missionary Society was formed she gave it her hearty support. I well remember when I went to tell her of the meeting at Sandwich and her election as a member of the Board, that I found her in the kitchen before a large easel putting the finishing touches on an animal picture, while the half-opened oven door betrayed loaves of bread baking to a most appetizing brown. But bread and art waited, though not forgotten, while she formulated mission plans which she laid aside only with life's passing interests. She was at the first parlor meeting to consider a magazine, and pledge time and money to the *HELPER*. To the end of her life she was a faithful and successful subscription agent. The work at Storer College especially appealed to her, and only her intimate friends know how her prayers and gifts helped sustain the often-sinking hearts of those laboring there. The Father above alone knows the individual cases of young people whom she helped to an education.

She never grew old in spirit. We were surprised when the body became wearied and refused to respond to her dictates. And when she passed on to join the many waiting Christian friends, a mourning void was left. Yet the work she loved was the Master's, and while some go, others come, and the good she has done will never be lost.

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER.

Boston, Mass.



From the Field

Area: about 12,000 square miles
Population: nearly 4,000,000

Weighed in the balance of love, is
our life found wanting.

—G. Sherwood Eddy.

Jesus Christ is going to win in this
campaign. The only question is,
shall you and I be crowned victors
with Him in the final conquest of the
world?—J. Campbell White.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF STORER COLLEGE

(A paper read at Annual Meeting by Mrs. Alice M. Metcalf.)

A man went to purchase a Liberty Bond. The official to whom he applied asked, "What denomination, please?" After some hesitation the man replied, "Baptist."

We are not buying Liberty Bonds today, but our denomination is Baptist.

The first of April, 1918, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society passed its home missions work over to the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

We did not bring to it a large work, but one that is very dear to every F. B. woman.

We gave with their keeping our only child, and mothers know what that means, for Storer College is our one home mission field. We have no anxiety as to the future of the work, for we are sure when the Baptist women know it as they know their own, they will have the same interest and love.

Our Free Baptist women will never cease to work for Storer. At the same time we want to enter with their denominational interests; we want to be interested in their schools in the Southland; we want to help in their work among the foreign speaking peoples, the Indians on the frontier, and even reach out to mission fields in Alaska. It is no longer "their" work, but "ours". We rejoice today, though oftentimes we walked in the dark, that light came and we were able to see beyond our narrow horizon, and get a broader vision of the greater opportunities for service which the larger field offers.

Your committee has asked me to give some impressions of Storer College, so I am taking the liberty of giving you, also, impressions which influenced me to take up the work which is so dear. Hidden away in the twists and turns of our brain, needing but the right conditions to call them forth with vividness, are hundreds of impressions which have been registered there from day to day and which have influenced our lives. May I now recall some of these which have influenced my life, and led me to become interested in the education of the colored race.

At the close of the Civil War, in the village of Carolina, R. I., a school for the education of freedmen was established. A Baptist minister, Rev. W. F. Sherwin, was pastor of the Baptist church at Shannock, a small village one mile from Carolina. He was a strong abolitionist, and conceived the idea of bringing students from the South and educating them. He had some money and soon had raised a sufficient amount to erect buildings for his enterprise. There were three buildings, the main or school building, dormitory for boys and boarding house with dormitory for girls.

The students who came were not young, many could neither read nor write. Two white teachers were employed. The boys found work in the village. Often my good mother would take one in for a dinner after he had done some work for her. I was a girl of fifteen and had read that slaves were not allowed to learn to read, but to actually see

men and women thirty years old laboriously studying the primer made a deep impression upon me and I wanted to do something for them. I do not remember just how long the school continued, but the difficulty and expense of bringing students North brought financial embarrassment. One night fire destroyed two buildings, leaving the boarding house in the rear. This is still standing and used for a private dwelling.

Such work as this, established for the carrying out of a principle, never fails to bring some good results, even if many today call it "Sherwin's Folly." Soon after this I went away to boarding school and entered the Oread Collegiate Institute at Worcester, Mass., where Miss Sophia Packard was associate principal. It was during my second year in school that Miss Packard was called to serve as secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Very soon she began her work to establish the school at Atlanta, known as Spelman Seminary. Miss Packard devoted her life to this school. She was fortunate in interesting Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, who was Miss Spelman, and a former student at the Oread. Miss Packard was my ideal and I knew of her work and wanted to go with her, but I had not finished my school course.

Years went swiftly by—graduation, teaching and marriage. In the local missionary society of my home church, I first became interested in Storer College. It was to me a far off field and not till the year 1889, when I attended the General Conference of the Baptists held at Harper's Ferry, did I get a true impression of Camp Hill and the school buildings thereon. There may be a few of the older workers who recall, today, impressions of that gathering. You recall your feelings when, late at night, an excursion train, filled to its utmost with good Free Baptists, pulled into the then small station at Harper's Ferry. You recall how the rain fell in torrents, too much water even for Baptists!

I recall how my own party waited in the hotel bar room till carriages could be secured to take us up the hill. How hungry we were, and how happy when finally we were settled for the night, though sharing our room with five others. The morning dawned bright and beautiful, the sun came up from over Loudon, and we had our first glimpse of the charming scenery, which in later years has brought so much joy into my life.

Much time was spent during the days which followed, attending services and looking over the grounds. It was my first visit South and conditions were so unlike anything I had ever seen. I came home with

this impression: Storer College, beautiful for situation, a great work and an interest to which Free Baptists should give their heartiest support.

In 1891, Mr. Robert Cristy of Dover, N. H., passed on and left a bequest of \$40,000, the interest to be used for the education of colored youth in English branches. Through the influence of Miss Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society and executor of Mr. Cristy's will, this fund was applied to Storer College and has since paid the salaries of several teachers.

On account of the responsibility resting upon the Woman's Society to see that the fund was properly used, our Board of Managers decided that some member should be appointed to attend annually the sessions of the Board of Trustees of Storer College. This pleasant duty fell to me and nearly every year since I have been present at the meetings. Miss DeMeritte and Mrs. Mosher were frequently present. We look now each year for the inspiration and help which comes from the visits of our Northern Trustees.

The more I attended the meetings the more my interest increased. Ten years ago, in a Board meeting, Dr. Anthony, who was sitting near me, said, "This is a glorious work." I responded, "Yes, and I wish I were in it." Quickly he answered, "Why can't you come to Storer and work?" It hadn't occurred to me that I could be of any use, but the remark had made an impression and remained with me till I finally had the courage to write to President McDonald and offer my services for any work which I could do. A prompt reply assured me that I could be of use. This was seconded by Dr. Brackett, so the following October I packed my trunk for Harper's Ferry, where I remained eight years. My six years in Myrtle Hall, where I entered more fully into the lives of the girls, made it possible for me to render service I could have done in no other place. During these years of work at Storer, new impressions were made each day. I wish I could say they were *all* good, but let us forget the bad and recall only the good.

No one can visit Storer without being impressed with the genuine hospitality accorded them. I recall my return to Storer last May. Upon my arrival at Myrtle Hall girls came running down the walk to greet me. As I entered the room which had been my home for six years, I saw favorite pictures arranged on the walls by one of the teachers, my favorite flowers in the window, and a dish of ferns, in which I delight, placed there by another. These silent tokens of appreciation and love spoke more loudly than words.

Storer, like other schools, has suffered from the war, but our president writes: "During these days of stress we have had enough to eat and burn, we have had no member of our school family to fail, as yet, in promoting the cause of larger freedom among men, although we have twenty-four stars on our service flag, and three sons and one daughter of Storer are in France. I need not tell you of the loyalty of our boys to the colors. I am proud when I hear from time to time the commendations which colored troops justly receive." The story of one of Storer's boys will be of interest. Last fall Anthony F. Lewis returned to school as a Senior. He had been drafted, but returned to Storer till his call to service came. In a few weeks he was summoned. He went to President McDonald and told him that he wished to do something for the school and suggested giving the money which he had saved for his school expenses. It was suggested that he buy a Liberty Bond. The students and teachers caught the spirit and the result was that three Liberty Bonds of fifty dollars each were purchased and presented to the school as a fund to be known as the Anthony F. Lewis Fund, to be used for aiding poor students. It was indeed a solemn occasion when, on Anniversary Day, this story was told and, with Anthony in France, his sister stood and received his diploma. Three others of the class had been called and were soon to leave for Camp. Storer has her romances. At five o'clock Anniversary Day, Millard Howell, one of our best boys, and Artrice Bowsman were united in marriage at the residence of Prof. Saunders, by Rev. Arter the local pastor. Millard was soon to leave for Camp. The last Chapel service, conducted by the graduating class, and reminiscence morning were more impressive than usual. With the American flag above us and a service flag at the right, the spirit of patriotism pervaded the whole occasion and words of loyalty found expression. It seemed fitting that the Alumni should have been moved to present to the school a tablet to the memory of John Brown. This leads me to speak of the John Brown Fort, which is an object of increasing interest. Visitors daily come to our Campus, attracted by this relic of the Civil War.

Anniversary Day was unique. It chanced to fall on the day which President Wilson had appointed as a special day of prayer for our nation. The morning was given up entirely to exercises of a devotional nature. Dr. Brink, Secretary for Education of the Baptist Home Mission Board, was present and gave a fine address. In the afternoon was held the graduating exercises and fifteen young people received diplomas.

[Mrs. Metcalf here referred to recent events at Storer which have already been mentioned in the HELPER.—EDITOR.]

There are many more good things I could tell, but time will not permit. Suffice it to say my impression of Storer College when I left it June 1, 1918, was the same as when I left it in September, 1886: Beautiful for situation, a noble work, a wonderful field which Free Baptists and Baptists should cultivate.

Carolina, R. I.

LETTER FROM MISS COOMBS

Dear Friends:

The foreign mails are so uncertain in these troublous times that we do not yet know whether our letter sent in February was ever received or not. Our lives are comparatively quiet and peaceful, but in such ways as this irregularity of the foreign mails, the war affects us. We have had but two home mails since the last of February. Red Cross work penetrates to remote villages. Our Balasore mission (mostly in the person of Miss Porter) does its share in the packages and bundles of knit socks sent to Cuttack. Another thing that touches us is the commandeering of all freight trains for coal and requisites of war to be exported.

Prices of imported articles have been steadily rising and continue to do so, but rice, the principal crop of the country, is cheaper than it has been for years, because of this year's abundant harvest and the impossibility of exporting it. The poorer part of the population (which really forms the masses) are rejoicing in unusual plenty, while those who have rice to sell are groaning because of its cheapness.

The Balasore church has taken a step ahead in undertaking the support of a home missionary. The man chosen is one of our own brotherhood, a member of a comparatively new branch church. He is at present at work in Balasore and has had some very interesting experiences with individuals in his bazaar preaching and work from house to house. He is an enthusiastic worker and loves to preach.

In April we had a five days' visit from a Mr. Stanes, a former tea-planter, but now called "The Children's Missioner." He has a fine magic lantern for the evening services and all sorts of object lessons for the afternoons. There were meetings for the grown-ups as well, and much good was done in heartening and strengthening those already professing to be Christians. On the last day decisions to belong to Christ were made known by twelve or fifteen of the boys and girls.

A few days ago the high school held a prize-winning ceremony, at which the district magistrate presided most graciously. Prizes were

awarded for excellence in the year's work on various lines. We were gratified to have many of the boys receive certificates only instead of actual prizes, having relinquished the value of the prizes to swell the fund for children of disabled soldiers. There was a program of recitations, dialogues and music in four languages—English, Oriya, Bengali and Sanskrit. One little fellow did so well that the magistrate (himself a Hindu, by the way) gave him a prize of ten rupees on the spot! We learned, too, from the head master's report that the attendance keeps up wonderfully well, being greater than it has ever been before, especially in the graduating class. This was Mr. Krause's first experience at a public function as superintendent of the high school, but one would have thought he had always been accustomed to it, as he took the various parts, from the opening prayer to the closing suggestion of "three cheers for the district magistrate"—all with great success.

The Collett family are leaving for home next month because of the poor health of both Mr. and Mrs. Collett. This brings Mr. Hartley into the work long before he should rightfully come, as he will have been only six months in the country and should be giving all his time to acquiring the language. But Mr. Krause is the only other man missionary in the station and he is already carrying more than any man should who has not yet passed his language examinations. All the activities of the various departments are being kept up—schools, hotels, orphanages, zenana, Bible women's work and the workers' Bible class. Add to these the big industrial classes at the workshop, and the no less important class in making lace and handkerchiefs for sale—and there results a veritable bee-hive of a community. The missionary in charge of the work might consider his hands quite full with nothing but the business management. But vacation is due and already begun with some, so we are off to the mountains and the sea to return recuperated and refreshed and able to wait for the recruits that must be coming.

L. C. COOMBS.

Balasore, India, May 15, 1918.

I like to feel "God's mercy over all," the inrush of love from the great Heart that fills our hearts in spite of the earth-wants. There is trust and trust—that which *beileves* in Divine Mercy, and that which *takes* it. People talk of experimental religion. I think it is experimental receiving. And I believe that—although there may be *blind* trust—real, perfect trust sees farther than anything else. It is *insight*, it is perfect seeing of God.—*Mary A. W. Bachelder.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS AS A SOLDIER SEES THEM

"Lying here in hospital helpless three months from shrapnel wounds which refuse to heal, and just waiting," wrote a gallant soldier of Kitchener's army a month before he died, "I have been thinking.

"You know I have been all over the world. It would seem that I should have plenty to think about. Strange, isn't it, that my thoughts always go back to the one theme of foreign missions—especially as I never thought of them before but in derision: yes, and that notwithstanding help cheerfully given me at mission hospitals in Amritsar, Jaffa and Uganda when I was sick.

"I do not remember giving a single penny to foreign missions in my life. It was easy to prate about their uselessness—all so cheap and popular, too. Even as I traveled in distant lands, sometimes well knowing that but for the work of missionaries there had been no road for me, I still refused to own the blessings their work conferred both on the natives they set out to convert and on the country which gave the heroes birth. I think that stranger, even, than my ingratitude for help generously given me in mission hospitals. For gold was my god. My whole energies were set on trade. I might in common fairness have recognized who prepared the way for markets which I found so profitable. But I did not.

"When the call to arms came, as you will remember I told you in an earlier letter, I was in London, home on furlough. I joined Lord Kitchener's men. You sent me a New Testament. I have it now.

"Reading at random for want of something better to do one night, I was struck by the words of John 17:3: 'And this is life eternal; that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.' I could not forget those words. They have been with me every waking hour these twelve months. They are with me now. And how precious I find them, who can tell? They cause me not to care a jot for this poor maimed body, soon to be set aside.

I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!
He loved me e'er I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love
And thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His and He is mine
For ever and for ever.

"I realize now that this Friend cares for every savage of our race, even as He cares for me, and why should He not?

"Ah, there is the secret of my contempt for foreign missions! I had not then that life eternal. Would God I had earlier known the new birth. I envy you fellows who have done so much for the cause. I would gladly die for it now when it is too late.

"As I think of the loyalty of subject races, so gloriously exhibited in this day of stress, as I picture those splendid Indians seen in France, my mind still refuses to absorb any but the great central fact:—We have here the fruition of the work of British missionaries and of the prayers of missionary-hearted men.

"It is sweet to die for England—I do not regret it; sweet to see the devotion of tender nurses about our beds. A few vagrant thoughts flutter for a moment over these consolations, to die in the flood of glory bursting in contemplation of what it is to minister and to die for the sake and in the service of the King of kings. That will never be my part. I do not complain. I am not worthy of the high honor involved. But perhaps I might have been, had somebody taken me in hand early enough. Why does our church keep foreign missions so much in the background? Why was I left so long a scoffer?

"I do not blame any mortal. I am saying that something is wrong with a scheme of things which fails to put the whole world for Christ right in the forefront as the battle-cry of the Christian Church. I do not know your own inmost feelings. I do not know how keen you are. It is because you gave me the Testament wherein I found the words of life that I tell you something of my rambling thoughts and of the great central regret that fills my whole soul. My little money will presently be found devoted to the cause. But what is that? We carry nothing out whither I go. My message is that all who are wise should work in the great service while it is day, remembering the coming night."—*Missionary Review of the World*.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

All money, including Thank Offerings, intended for church apportionment credit, should be sent to District Treasurers and Joint Secretaries, Home and foreign; but gifts not intended for church apportionment may still be sent to the treasury of F. B. W. M. Society, and such gifts, when so specified, may be applied on life membership.

Receipts for September, 1918

MAINE		NEW YORK	
Bath, Mrs F J Marston for Storer College	\$10 00	Eden, Catherine Hawkins, L L B, for Brown Babies	38
Newport, Mrs Elizabeth Kinney for Haramoni in S O	4 00	Jamestown, Rose E Allen, L L B, for Brown Babies	37
Ocean Park, Summer Bible School, Primary and Beginners' Dpts, for child in S O	5 07	Niobe, Mrs Nettie Fowler, "for use where most needed"	2 0
West Falmouth Aux for <i>Helper</i> Sustaining Fund	3 00	MISCELLANEOUS	
NEW HAMPSHIRE		Income:	
Alton F B Aux, T O, ½ Bengal-Orissa, ½ Storer College	8 50	Edwin & S J P Babb Fund for Bengal-Orissa	12 40
New Durham Asso for <i>Helper</i> Sustaining Fund	10 00	Paige Mem'l for Minnika, S O	12 50
New Hampton F B W M S, yearly pledge for Storer	5 00	Phillips Fund for sal'y Mrs I M Holder	25 00
Pittsfield C Roll, for Brown Babies	2 00	Golden Mem'l for Widows' Home	18 18
Rochester, Mrs F S Hartley for <i>Helper</i> Sustaining Fund	3 00	Porter Mem'l for <i>Helper</i>	7 26
VERMONT			\$131 16
Waterbury Center, F B W M S and personal T O, for C F	2 50	SPECIAL	
		Ocean Park, N W W for Storer College	
		Total Receipts September, 1918	
		EDYTH R. PORTER, Treasurer	
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FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of — to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine.